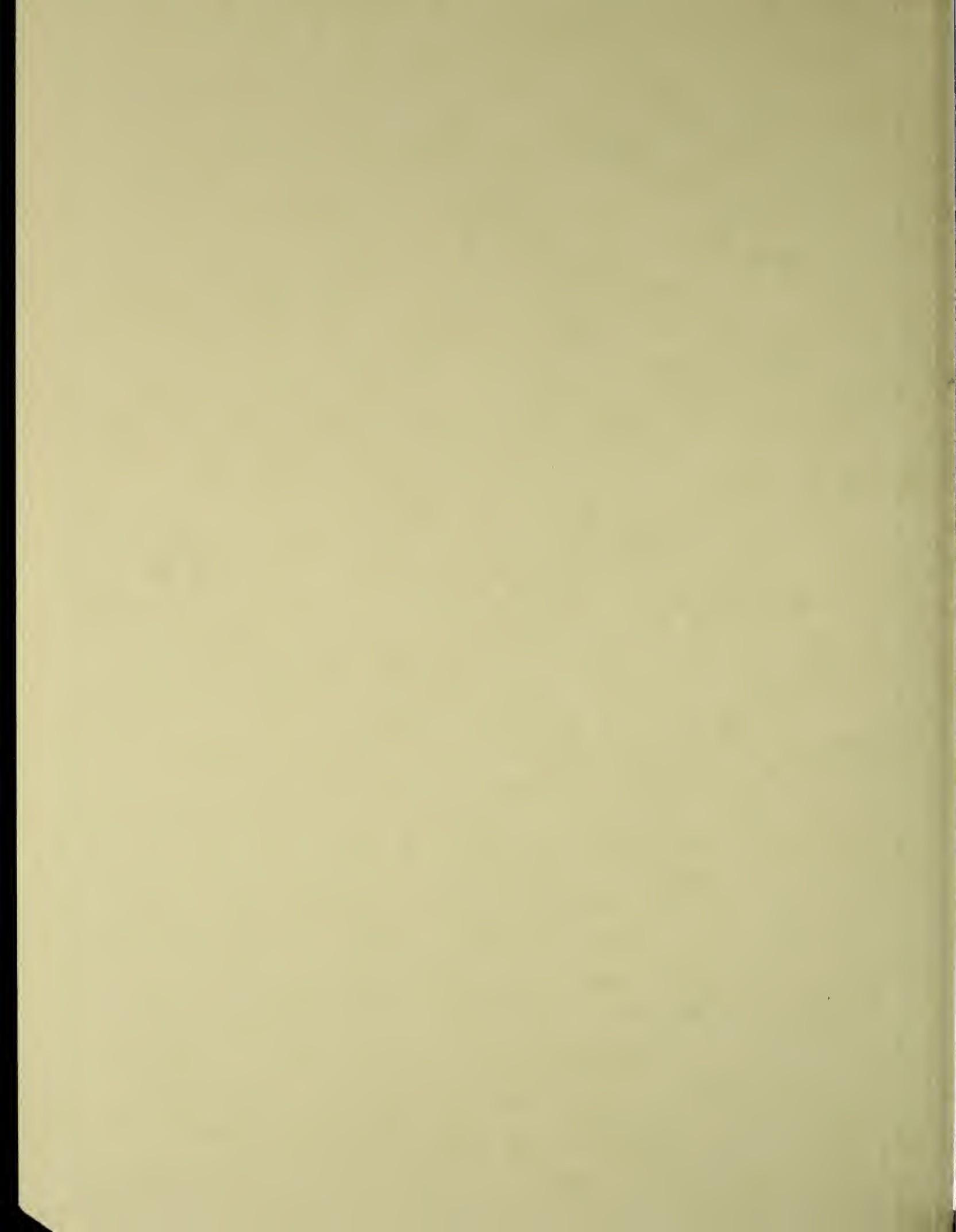


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Smith Lincoln Last Reception,

818 17th St. N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

March 12, 1940.

Mr. Louis A. Warren,
Lincoln National Life Foundation,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

My dear Mr. Warren:

Your letter of inquiry relative to a fine old chrome etching of "Lincoln's Last Reception" which I possess came to Mrs. Powers at our place of business this morning.

Some time ago I took the picture over to the United States Congressional Library to show it to the Curator there. They finally located a duplicate of this picture in their collection or would have secured it at any price. On my way to my car, I stepped across the Avenue at the New House Office Building to see my old friend and school mate the Hon. Louis E. Graham, Congressman from the 26th Congressional District of Penn. Lou is a great admirer of Lincoln, and of course, I had to let him hang the picture in his reception room for a while and it is there now, and has elicited much comment.

The picture in the Lincoln National Museum here, the one in the U.S. Congressional Library, and this one of mine are, as far as any of the authorities here know, the only three in existence in chrome etchings. Col. Whipple was a man of considerable means and highly treasured this picture. He and his wife are back somewhere in the large group. He always told me there were only three of these pictures in existence. Had I known he was going to bequeath the picture to me I would have made more inquiry, but I think all necessary data is given here.



I have had the original copy of this information notarized, and will have this notarized at your request.

I will accept any reasonable offer for the picture and crate and ship it.

Mr. John D.M. Hamilton, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, has seen this picture of mine. He wanted it for Headquarters office here, but had no authority to appropriate funds of the committee for such purposes, especially when they are quite in debt: or were then.

If there is anything further you would like to know about the picture, I will, if possible, furnish it gladly. In case you want the picture all this information of course goes with it, and I will have it notarized for you if you return it to me. Otherwise please return the copy as I may need it elsewhere.

Yours very truly,

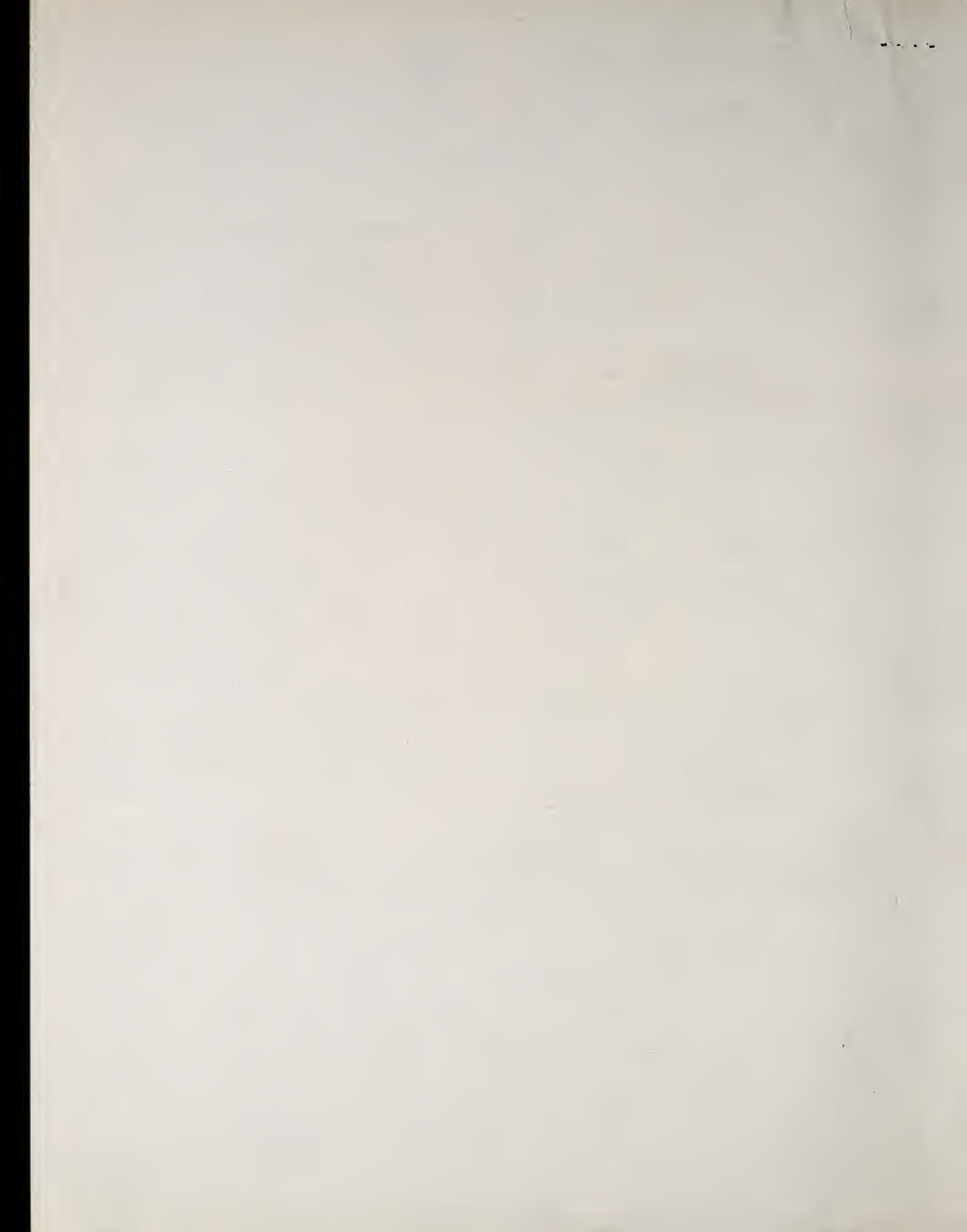
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